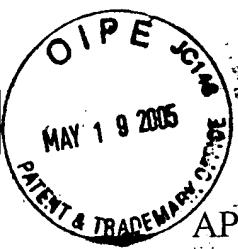


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Udo Worsdorfer et al.
SERIAL NO.: 10/840,158
FILED : May 6, 2004
FOR : DISPENSING SYSTEM AND SQUEEZING-OUT
DEVICE
EXAMINER: Philippe Derakshani GROUP: 3754

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Commissioner for Patents
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ELECTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated April 28, 2005 in which a one-month period for response is set forth. The Examiner requests that an election be made between the following species:

Species 1 directed to figure 1.

Species 2 directed to figure 2.

Species 3 directed to figure 3.

Species 4 directed to figure 4.

Species 5 directed to figure 5.

Species 6 directed to figure 6.

Species 7 directed to figure 7.

Species 8 directed to figure 8.

Applicants elect, with traverse with respect to “species” 8, species 6 directed to Fig. 6 for further prosecution on the merits. Claims 1, 6-9, and 11-15 read on the species of Fig. 6.

TRAVERSE

Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement for election with respect to “species” 8. It is respectfully submitted that Fig. 8 does not constitute a separate species. Fig. 8 represents a structure common to all of the storage containers, namely, means for fastening of the component packaging to the combined chamber (please see description of Fig. 8 in the section “Brief Description of the drawings”).

An early Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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